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in get together as a group -- four or five -- and then I would show them around the mountain. I told the two most interested fellows that they should speak to me in the hall about it in a week or so and we would then go and do it. Fine. New comments to local history. It shall be done as an independent effort -- not as a school project.

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EX-CANADIAN PACIFIC NO. 1246, right, shortly before departing from Scranton for a run to Elmhurst. The 1246, a light Pacific type locomotive, and ex-Canadian Pacific No. 2317, a heavy Pacific type locomotive, left, are two of the more than 100 pieces of equipment that will ultimately be re-located in Scranton. The director of Steamtown USA, James Gillespie, will be the guest speaker at the Carbondale Historical Society's annual dinner meeting on November 9, 1984, at Andrews Banquet Hall. (Photo by Bob Tomaine)

### Historical Society to host Steamtown head

James Gillespie, director of Steamtown USA, will be the guest speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Carbondale Historical Society, which will be held at the Andrews Banquet Hall, 48 Gordon Avenue, and will begin at 6 p.m. Gillespie, who was named director of the railroads are together the key to the economic rebirth of the Lackawanna Valley. When the dinner meeting of the Carbondale Historical Society and Museum, Inc. on Friday, November 9, the development of the railroad in America, it makes sense, then, that the dinner meeting, which is open to the general public, will be held at the central role in the future development of the city of Carbondale. Powell added: "We know beyond doubt that Steamtown is a success, and that it will have a significant impact on Scranton's economy. What we in the communities of the Upper Lackawanna Valley must do is make Steamtown a physical reality in each of the communities along the former D&E main line. If we are successful, and if the City of Lackawanna County, will play in the overall Steamtown scheme of operations. According to S. Robert Powell, President of the Historical Society, Gillespie is the ideal choice, from among the possible guest speakers for this year's annual meeting of the Society. Powell remarked: "The Steamtown museum and tourist dollar spins off several times in the local economy. For that reason, it's easy to understand why so many regions of the country are willing to invest large quantities of time and money to make themselves attractive to out of town visitors. All the necessary components are here. It's up to us to put them together." Following Gillespie's presentation, the officers of the Historical Society for 1985 will be elected by the general membership. Jim Hepburn and Joe Pascoe, chairmen of the nominating committee, will present a slate of candidates to be voted on. Additional nominations for the Society's officers can be made at the dinner meeting. In addition, the general membership will, at the meeting, elect four new members of the Board of Directors from among the several candidates who were nominated at the September 6 meeting of the Society. The seven nominees are: Louise Anderson, Jim Hepburn, John Kiefer, John Klimkiewicz, Joe Pascoe, Eleanor Spellman and Susan Stephens. To make reservations for this dinner meeting, contact Susan B. Stephens (282-2928) or Howard A. Yepsen (282-5151) before November 7.

Every once and a while it is pleasant, of course, to have an article by/about S.H.P. and the C.H.S.H.M. in print. The placement of this article is good & the print quality is also good, & am happy to report.

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A "LIGHT CHRISTMAS" is what Carbondale is guaranteed of having after receiving a \$1,000 check from the West Side Fire Company Auxiliary October 25. The money will be used for the purchase of Christmas lights to decorate city hall during December. Mayor Charlotte Moro accepts the check from, left to right, Jennie Gillott, Tina Siranni and Rose Marie Cuce. (NEWS Photo by Doug Schneider)

and so Carbondale City Hall will be "embellished" with twinkle lights. I will hold off on my reaction to the idea. It may look wonderful or it may look very very cheap. It's hard to say.

I have been consciously keeping myself away from City Hall these days. Too much anxiety is related to <sup>the building and its inhabitants</sup> and its inhabitants for me to be comfortable around it/them. They seem to delight in the most extraordinary pettiness/trivialities. At the present time it is best for me to stay away -- probably after the beginning of the year I will be better equipped to deal with City Hall.

at one time, the Mayor spoke of using that \$1,000 check (see above) from the West Side Fire Company auxiliary for lights for Memorial Park.